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**OCTOBER.**

AH, … October, a favorite month!

 Nights are crisp, day’s yet a bit warm and beautiful New England/Ontario foliage beginning to appear. Also an easy month for nostalgic thoughts. In the dim, dim past we raked leaves into a pile and jumped in them. When this tired, they were raked a little further into the street and burned. Pretty much a neighborhood event. Early in evenings Tis still easy to recall the smell of burning leaves. Today? Bag’em & the city carts’em off.

T’was a good idea to keep one’s grass short when leaves started to fall, …easier raking. Don’t remember anyone having a power mower. Reel type push mowers were the lone vogue. We had a considerable lawn in the 30’s and 40’s and boy, did we envy kids who had small yards. Thru the years, as our abodes grew in size, our mowing equipment grew en parallel. Our North Hero estate utilized two riding mower tractors, a gas powered rotary and a power trimmer. Ottawa? We are back to square one, ,,, a reel pusher. Hey, helps keep one in shape. Quite a few electric mowers in the neighborhood, but we have trouble handling the cord on a vacuum cleaner. Cutting grass at this time of year? Nostalgic.

 Continuing the nostalgia theme, we have entertained visiting family from NYC. Equipment required: Two cribs, one highchair, a merry-go-round, Potty Seat, toys galore and a fleet of vehicles which included a “Pink Cadillac,” (1 HP\*). For octogenarian raisers of nine, has this brought back memories? It sure has!

 Well, … think this is it for now, hope you all have an enjoyable fall.

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